

Abstract Of the Disclosure

A computer system and method that authenticates a business partner fully automatically in response to a request from a user. The computer system is interconnected via network with a user device operated by the user and a partner device operated by the business partner. Identifying data of the business partner is provided on a standard template that has a data format that is compatible with the data handling capability of the computer system. The identifying data of the business partner is matched to a data record of a business entity contained in a business database. Selected data attributes of the data record are processed according to an authentication policy to determine authenticity.